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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 35 U.S.C.121

Sir:

In response to an election/restriction requirement mailed December 15, 2004. Applicants hereby amend claims 1 -12 to overcome the election/restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121. In addition, new claims 26 to 31 have been added. If, after reviewing the amended claims and the following response, the Examiner chooses to maintain the election/restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121, then the Applicants provisionally elect Group I (*i.e.* claims 1 - 12) with <u>traverse</u>.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.